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#### Truth and Poetry.

Mr. Wilson having beaten brilliantly combination of Republicans, Progressives and Democrats in the House, the augurs of the soreheads are wagging divinating and doleful ears. If this man Wilson dares to become a candidate for renomination in 1916, he will have to "aght for it," and so on. Such nagging of the nerves does a long session bring; and so vainly do some steady losers kick against the pricks.

It is clear to pretty much everybody outside of Washington's small rancors and gabble that if Mr. Wilson continues to be sound in mind and body his renomination is as certain as the number of days in a week. The most irritated of the Democratic brethrer know it: it adds to their sorrow.

The Hon. CHAMP CLARK and anybody else of the disgruntled ambitious have about as much chance of success as a fossil steed, Echippus or Orchippus, has of winning the next Derby.

#### Torreon.

Bulletins from the firing line at Torreon originated in many instances in the city of Mexico and El Paso, and were therefore utterly untrustworthy. The truth about the battle, or an apmone with Velasco's in Torreon.

As VILLA censors all despatches filed stigma of servitude. and no reports came from the front for several days, the presumption was that story of severe losses inflicted upon the Constitutionalists at Gomez Palacio, the suburb north of Torreon, which is should be taught to "play clubhouse." the strategical key to the town. It was clear enough that the besiegers were not routed and decisively beaten, for they would have been flocking back to Chihuahua as fast as troop trains could carry them, and no censorship could have smothered the disaster. The fourth day of the fight General VILLA permitted news from correspondents to get through and the tenor of it seemed to leave no room for doubt that after the heaviest fighting of the campaign he had got a foothold in Torreon itself. Ominous was the cessation of bulletins of victory from the city of Mexico. Doubtless what happened was that each side had gained an advantage in the long range fighting in the suburbs and on the hills commanding the town. and that the artillery fire of General ANGELES, formerly the best ordnance officer in Mexico, had turned the scale in favor of the Constitutionalists.

General VILLA's victory, assuming that the despatches released by him convey the truth of the situation, will not be complete unless he captures the Federal garrison in Torreon with its munitions of war and stores. He has bent every energy to that end, having disposed brigades of his army to cut off the retreat of the Federals. It is not to be supposed that such a success would result in an early triumph of the Constitutionalist cause. The struggle will probably go on to the bitter end. for political conditions have changed very much since Possisio Diaz submitted without bloodshed to Francisco I. MADERO. But the taking of Torreon with its garrison would put the Constitutionalists in a position to ask for rec ognition as belligerents, and it would not be easy to refuse them.

# Seely the Scapegoat.

The impression that Colonel the Right HOD. JOHN EDWARD BERNARD SEELY. who as Secretary for War took upon his shoulders all the blame for the "White Paper" which exempted General Huser Gough and other officers attention of the whole civilized world pestuous violence. from active service in Ulster, is an incompetent and pampered young man fervent hopes for its success. There who deserves official decapitation is are few places marked out upon the hard on him; it betrays ignorance of his career and characteristics.

in the pink of condition, or "fit," as they But Waterloo in some strange way move along the shore. But Tanganyika a life line in a heavy sea to a founder-ing ship off the Isle of Wight and sav-throw of genius, the vanity of all the cathedral of the White Fathers is tug nine lives. In the Boer war as an dreams of greatness. Except the fa- conspicuous at Bauduinville; on the

officer of the Imperial Yeomanry he mous crossing of the Rubicon by CASAR

In the House of Commons Colone SEELY has often been under fire, and he never failed to distinguish himself until his quixotic devotion to Mr. As-QUITH made him a storm centre in the debate upon the resignation of the army officers in Ireland. Then his ready wit and sangfroid could not save him, but be seems to have taken his punishment like a Spartan. SEELY was made War Secretary for much the same reason that Winston Churchill was made First Lord of the Admiralty, because he knew the needs of the service and was progressive, energetic and patriotic. Colonel SERLY is really a fine type of the younger son who makes a career of public life, and in the long run he will lose nothing by his act of selfsacrifice, which his chief as a man of honor could not have accepted.

#### No More Dolls!

Mrs. CHARLOTTE PERRINS GILMAN. one of the most original and refreshing of sociologists and geneophilosophers, now puts a taboo on two degrading superstitions or survivals of the primitive and savage nursery:

"Little girls should not be allowed to play with dolls and call them their babies Whether it is done instinctively or in imitation of their own mothers, they should not play house and put their 'children' to bed, nor harbor any of the emotion or duties of a mother. It is not childish; it is abnormal. That love of little girls to 'mother' things is just another proof that with a woman her sex predominates.

It must be discouraging for modern minded mothers to see their young daughters practising in the twentieth century that strange maternal symbolsm or magic, that nurture if not worship of blocks of wood or stone that Africa, babes of the Arunta, children of the Australian bush, Peruvian pickanninies of prehistoric archæology? treasured. Those memorials of children of thousands of years ago may touch the idle sentimentalist in a museum. This wiser age scorns such toys. What says the poet of "the false MAHOUND." who used to play with his wife's dolls, if the legend is true:

"The never enough-to-be-slammed Arabian prophet MOHAMMED, Would oft AYESHA'S dolly coddle-The old mollycoddle!"

DId Dr. GRANVILLE STANLEY HALL, who knows more about children than proximation to it, had to come by way all the mothers in the world, ever use of Chihuahua, for there are American a doll? If dolls are not recommended correspondents with VILLA's army and to boys, their employment by girls is a dishonoring badge of inferiority, a

And if "mothering" dolls is "abnormal." motherhood, which it images, the Federals in Torreon were at is also abnormal. This, we believe, is least holding their own. "Wireless" the conclusion to which the most logidespatches to the city of Mexico told a cal petticoat geneophilosophy comes. "Playing house" has in fact an intolerable domestic connotation. Little girls

# The Field of Waterloo.

Waterloo will come around on June 18 partly by rail and partly by river of next year, and its approach has steamer, thus crossing the continent given rise to a movement in Belgium without ever going far from the and England to purchase certain rights equator. in the field and thus save it from threatened obliteration by shoddy suburban settlement. The region is him down the Lukuga River Valley to threatened by the overflow of Brussels. the Congo; this road will be opened to Numerous small houses have already traffic in June. But only an intrepid grown up in the vicinity. A tramway line now runs to the foot of the Lion Mound, the British monument. Some of the historic sites have been parcelled means of transportation when the new out into building lots and are in the Belgian railway publishes its time market for sale.

It appears that as yet a comparatively small sum of money will suffice lake would be satisfied to return to the to avert this sentimental calamity. East Coast by the well appointed Ger-The actual theatre of the battle is man express. And Tanganyika is worth small in comparison with those of pres- seeing. Burron wrote of it in a strain ent long range fighting. Besides, it is of rapture: not necessary to acquire full title to buy is the building rights, at present not very highly appraised. This will suffice to protect the field from destructive invasion. Belgium has taken the initiative in the movement, a committee having been formed under the chair-Government promises the necessary support in compelling owners to accept compensation and assent to the restrictions on their holdings. An ancillary British committee has been formed, naturally headed by the Duke of Well-INGTON, and the London papers are beginning a campaign for the requisite funds, which, it is realized, must come mainly from England.

tending to put up prices, so there is storms in the rainy season, and in the need for quick work to rescue this con- dry the winds often change direction secrated ground from the spoilers. The will be centred upon the endeavor, with earth's surface which have so wide or Colonel Seely's willingness to be the scapegoat of his party to save the Minsaw the dissolution of the Napoleonic listry was just like him. The man is istry was just like him. The man is dream. Every country has its favorreally of heroic stamp, in spite of his ite victory—we have a long series our- hawks, plovers, egrets, kingfishers, finical attention to sartorial art, which selves from Saratoga to Gettysburg- coots, and scores of less familiar birds. is a jest among the radicals in Parthe mere name of which fires the blood Hippos are numerous in the shallows, liament. A famous athlete and always and tunes the nerves to patriotic pitch. and crocodiles ever seem to be on the say in England, he is the reticent pos- has become the common property of is by no means all wilderness. The essor of a medal given him by the all races and peoples. In every tengue comforts of civilization can be found at French Government for swimming with it is a synonym for the extremity of Ton and Moliro, the Belgian stations

was often mentioned in despatches for it is the only military operation which gallantry, and can write D. S. O. (Dis- has passed into the vernacular as coin tinguished Service Order) after his current of speech. Even in these days of lost allusions, there are sayings preserved out of the heat of the combat, from Wellington's prayer for "Bluchmeet with general recognition. Such fragments of recollection as the hauging back of GROUCHY, the constant clos-

ER or night" down to the unquotable deflance of CAMBRONNE, which when cited ing up of the squares of riddled British infantry, the "Covered Way," Napo-LEON's inability to mount his horse. serve still to-day as catchwords and rhetorical resources, safe to be understood by any audience. It is interesting to speculate upor the reasons for the hold which Water-

loo has upon the popular mind. Perhaps it is on account of the literature which it has evoked. There are few possessors of the English tongue who have not been thrilled by the Byronic lines, "There was a sound of revelry by night," and so on. THACK-ERAY's intense picturing of the scenes in Brussels while George Osborne was lying dead with a bullet through his heart, once read is never forgotten. And then there are ERCKMANN-CHA-TRIAN, HUGO, MAXWELL, not to speak of the historians, including Sir GARNET Wolseley, who proves that Wellingron had forgotten all about the battle when he wrote his official report; all these keep the mighty contest and its culminating disaster fresher to our minds than the vaster, blbodier, more stupendous struggles of our own day and generation.

But we do not think that these are the only or even the chief reasons for the vitality of the Waterloo idea. The appeal is intrinsic. It has its hold in the ambitions latent in every human breast and in the sense of helplessness before the decrees of destiny. Every man finds something of himself apothe was immemorially antique when Moses osized in the Napoleonic legend. Thus was in the bulrushes. Surely the the battle stands as the typical abworld ought to gain as it grows. Shall straction of the tragedy of humanity. the infants of "this enlightened" twen- In this sense it is the common proptieth century dandle and dress dolls, erty of mankind, an inheritance of ineven as brown babies of the Eighteenth spiration to heroic struggle but also Dynasty did? Shall little American to supreme submission. The field girls be on an intellectual par with drenched with the blood of the "unreinfant daughters of HAM in darkest turning brave" is holy ground. It should be kept sacred so long as the memories of June 18, 1815, are still

> The Wisdom of Martiglinnius. MARTIGLINNIUS, Governor of Novum eboracum, has set down in his memoirs. just translated from the Latin by the Worcester Society of Antiquaries, among much wisdom, this:

"Much is to be said on all sides of everything. I am for the 'pro'; I am also for the 'con'; especially and signally for the 'con.'

"Sayings are not doings. "The impartial student of venation art should run with the hares as often and as far as with the hounds.

"Appointments must be mixed with disappointments. Such is life. "Uplift is downdrift."

# Tanganvika for the Tourist.

If the tourist is not afraid of the leeping sickness he may visit Lake Tanganyika in August, when the German Central Railway from Dar-es-Salaam on the East Coast to the lake at The centenary of the Battle of westward to the mouth of the Congo.

> On the west shore of Tanganyika the tourist will find a train waiting to take traveller, a trader or a missionary would venture in any season to make his way to the West Coast, although the table will be comparatively luxurious. A mere tourist after seeing the great

"It reminded me of the lovellest glims the land. In a way it is preferable of the Mediterranean; there were the that it should remain in farm use, as same 'laughing tides,' pellucid sheets of it was on the day of the great strug- dark blue water, borrowing their tints gle. All that it is contemplated to from the vinous shores beyond; the same purple light of youth upon the cheek of the earlier evening, the same bright short-lived grace and loveliness of the twilight; and, as night closed over the manship of General Baron DE HEUSCH. earth, the same cool flood of transparent If the money can be raised the Belgian moonbeam, pouring on the tufty heights and bathing their sides with the whiteness of virgin snow."

water in the world, 400 miles long, thirty to forty-five wide, and as deep as 700 fathoms, it has moods quite unlike those described by Buston. A The growing demand for the land is fearful swell runs on Tanganyika after several times a day, blowing with tem-

Aside from the wild scenery, the tourist would be tremendously interested in the lake's fauna, which has known no change since Burron's eyes gulls, pelicans, cranes, curlews, fish-

east coast Bismarckbourg is already

flourishing place. In the dry season Tanganyika will surely attract the adventurous tourist who wants to see "something different," but railroads are not building to it for his pleasure. The trade of the Eastern Congo promises to be extremely valuable, and the Germans, British and Belgians are strenuously competing for t. A great revenue can be derived from the Tanganvika basin and the back country as its products, including minerals, are developed. At the present time the Central Railway seems to promise the Germans an advantage, but the British in Rhodesia, who have already tapped the mineral wealth of the Belgian Congo frontier, will prove formidable rivals. The Belgians seem to be losing ground. Practical tourists will find this trade struggle to hold equal fascination with the glorious Tanganyika scenery.

It looks as if something very like a stalemate was being reached in the merry game of baiting the railroads.

Apparently the man who asks to be disbarred after his conviction for larceny considers that lawyers are not fit company for him.

An illustrious French milliner, de parting from these shores yesterday, hurled this Parthian Javelin at the mer folk of New York:

"I walk on Fifth avenue in the after noon and I would think that I am in Paris but for the men. One thinks that an escort of an attractively gowner woman might be the butler, but then you earn that it is really her husband. The men of other countries greatly excel Americans in the matter of dress, and it is time for them to begin to catch up."

Far be other than meek thoughts in presence of this rebuke; et tu quoque be far! Yet whoso remembers the trouers and the shoes of most of masculine Paris, him laughter grips,

Cambridge wins. Does New Haven accept the omen?

Yesterday the Toledo street care carried passengers for nothing, but that s not enough for the scourges of "mo-Their counsel of perfection nopoly. vould be that the company she "the people" for the honor of transporting them.

Price of gasolene shows a decrease. Does that end the high cost of living

executive committee of the Women Writers Suffrage League of England is demanding public apologies for the way in which Mrs. FLORA ANNIE STEELE, the novelist, was treated by the immigration authorities upon some sort of apology will be forthcoming; apology, however, is not what the case calls for, but sweeping reform. New York is tired of being shamed by the zealous excesses of Ellis Island. It Yet there is one warm protest of Mr. W. demands that common sense be driven Sheridan Kane in which, heartly thankzealous excesses of Ellis Island. It into the blunderers' heads or else that they be kicked out.

Why does even the smartest American become an easy mark for sharpers as soon as he lands on European soil?

FRANK TANNENBAUM, the I. W. W. leader, convicted of participating in an unlawful assembly, continued to the last to play to the galleries. His tirade in court before being sentenced was as foolish and unmeaning as it was inso-Ufifi is to be opened. It will be pos- lent and inflammatory. Account should sible for him to continue his journey be taken of this when the year's imbe taken of this when the year's imprisonment imposed on him expires. He will still face the payment of a fine of \$500 and no doubt the customary pleas for remission will be made. Then will be the time to humble Tannenseum's history of him. And stubborn spirit. No leniency should be granted save on condition of humble apology to the court and the public. Lawbreakers of this type should be compelled to humble themselves before the law.

Colonel will not be heard from for a colone with the received a sound thrashing from his schoolmaster, however, which necessitated the bulletin a few days afterward that the had skiff with the colone with the law.

Colonel will not be heard from for a colone should be taken of this when the year's imprission will be taken of this when the year's imprission will be made. Then will be personality to the impressionable schoolbay. But no one has constructed a comprehensive history of him. And the comprehensive history of him. And the stubborn spirit. No leniency should be compelled to humble themselves before the law.

Colonel will not be heard from for a coroner's jury:

State of New York, there is take of New York, at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York, at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York, at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York, at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York at the town of Ohlo, the New York Medical Journal which assure of New York Medical Journal which astreet of New York Medical Journal which assure of N

Colonel will not be heard from for a month.—Headline. Well, we must try to bear it; but won't the atmosphere feel neglected?

#### Two Victims of Dysgenies. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

genics is a very complicated science with many unsolved problems, but I wonder whether those who jeer at it so flippantly child who never should have been born. I am such a one and my brother is an-other, and all our lives we have strug-gled with the handicaps, moral and physi-cal, which are an inheritance from the self-indulgence of our forebears, who bee longed to the so-called "upper class."
We have fought against these tendencies

so that the State has not had to pay same purple light of youth upon the cheek of the earlier evening, the same bright sunsets, with their radiant vistas of crimson and gold opening like the portals of a world beyond the skies; the same And we are only two of many thousands in this country alone. in this country alone.

Thank heaven we have no children to curse us for giving them life! I. D. M.

NEW ORLEANS, March 25.

It was in February, 1858, that Bunton and Speke discovered Tanganyika. While travellers agree that it is one of the most beautiful sheets of inland progressive laws operating to-day. He influenced a wider range of political sentiment than any other man in the country, and he put President Wilson where he is to-day, against the combined forces of all the factional and looting branches of the Democratic superservers.

the factional and before the factional and the factional and the fact the f petty blackguardism you are engaged in. W. E. HUNTER.

NEW YORK, March 25.

A Flawless Georgia Masterplece. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The spiring:

Did he moan and sigh? Did he fret and cry And curse the hurricane sating by? Not he. But climbing up to the top of a hill

Where standing room was left him still. And baring his head, here's what he said But Lord! I ain't had the measier Even one familiar with your capabilities trembles to think to what heights you might have risen if you had had the com-plete poem at hand when the editorial article was written.

SOUTHERN DIALECTS. bred, Gracious, Bewildering Widely

Variant Tongues. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The puestion of dialect is, and must always be, vexed one; we Southerners do not deny, efend or blush for the inaccuracies and defend or blush for the inconsistencies of our speech, nor do inconsistencies our accusers. But permises illustrations, at our accusers. But per-haps I may be pardoned, these premises being borne in mind, if I "offer a few obbeing borne in mind, if I "offer a few ob-servations" from the angle of vision of a Southerner who has often and for long periods grossed Mason and Dixon's and even remoter lines, and who therefore may venture to regard himself as in some de-gree enlightened, if not wholly unbiassed. Travelling or even residence in the South does not sugrantee one's disloct; any unloes not guarantee one's dialect; any un-accustomed locution will be heard in as to hear it. Moreover, the user of dialect distracts the seeker of local color by an utter disregard for uniformity. Mr. Hor-ace Kephart in his recent able book upon the people of Appalachia points out that the same person will say, for example, "it" or "hit" as euphony or the occasion may demand. The same is true in varying degrees of other Southerners, widely differ-ent as they are from the mountain peo-ple; but if a general rule can be laid down t will, I think, be found that the friend lier and less formal our attitude toward our audience the more likely we are to in-dulge ourselves in half humorous quotaion of the slipshod talk of the mies" and other house servants of our early youth. This is by no means a trick of the uneducated; it can hardly be called a vulgarism. It was the charming Vir-ginia born wife of a professor of Greek who said to me: "I'd like mightily to have

Your three correspondents upon the Your three correspondents upon the "you-all" problem, and I, the fourth, as well, no doubt, are all both right and wrong; it is a matter of geography, "and then some." "You-all" for "you" singular is, as I have heard it all over the South, generally, the polaried house, acceptable, way of I have heard it all over the South, gener-ally the colored house servant's way of softening courteously the too abrupt and "Miss Ma'y, does "Teddy, git burn' right black in de hot sun.'
"Mist' Rob, I's all raidy to go whenever "Mist' Rob, I's all raidy to go whenever you-all is." The children catch up the phrase; later they quote it in Jest, and often, like slang, it "slips out" unintended. It is difficult for the unaccustomed ear to differentiate these shades of usage, as difficult as it is to catch the "down South" intention. The bear a shader which has ntonation. To hear a singer who has never lived among Southerners trying to cope with "Mighty Lak a Rose" and kindred songs is to the Dixie ear a weird ex perience. On the other hand the ultimate joke may be on us. A Georgia friend and I once, seeking to revenge ourselves upon a Chicago man who had jeered at our "provincialism" of diction, treated him without warning to all the variants of Southern dialect. We talked like coast of Southern dialect. We talked like coast negroes, like field hands, like every one we could recall from the "Eastern Sho" to Key West. "It was all thrown away on ne," he said calmly when we owned up;
'I didn't notice any difference from your

y'all [singular] come," and a professor in a Southern college has frequently de-lighted my soul with "Sure enough? Huc-

riminating between the varying degrees of softness and siurring of consonants which caused Mr. Gouverneur Morris in one of his earlier stories to make his lovely ine, daughter of a thousand Virginia "cur ine, daughter of a thousand Virginia "cun-neis" (g-rrr!) to talk like a "cawn fiel" darky." No housemald in the South would to be guilty of such speech, Mr. Robert W. Chambers in a civil war story of some years ago did a little better for his Southern lady, but not much. Still, need we cavil? Does not a writer in a current magazine, essaying to quote a Dorsetshire man in the heart of the Thomas Hardy country, give him the language of a London cockney, and even that inaccurate?

ing him, I must concur: anathema mar anatha upon that caltiff who, "though the Minstrels never perform out "persists in writing "Ah" for When Mr. Kane, upon whom be peace, de-cides whether to deal with this miscreant in poison or in steel, will he not grace remember me? I should be a e there. ROBERT EMMET WARD. HIGHLANDS, N. C., March 25.

# THE BALBIAD. The Noble End by Which an Erring

Hero Redeemed His Past. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: As an id student of Arnold's "Latin Prose old student of Arnold's Composition." I am very g

"Ealbus is in good health." Then again he was not a shining example of veractity. It is recorded of him by his preceptor: "I shall not easily believe Balbus," and later of him and a companion: "Both you and Balbus have uttered many falsehoods." However, he retrieved his character later when his critic only. was compelled to admit: "Balbus has deserved well of me,"

The close of his career was tragic. He became a discredited Prime Minister who attempted to use the military forces of the kingdom in coercion of fellow citizens politically opposed to him. The arms refused to be made a catspaw, and in sheer desperation Bajbus killed himself with the memorable phrase on his lips: "It is the memorable parase all over with the army."

B. W. R. TAYLER.

#### A Real Crime of the New Haven Ratiread.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I did have some sympathy for the New Haven have some sympathy for the New Haven system people, but it was misplaced. They have decided to change the names of some of the stations on the Cape Cod division of the Old Colony, and just listen to what they propose: East Sandwich to "Royal," West Barnstable to "Clement," Bournedale to "Samson," South Yarmouth to "Mozart," North Harwich to "Nor-man," North Easton to "Hastings," North Truro to "Musgrave," West Falmouth to "Longview." North Falmouth to "Will-

Shade of O Be Joyful Jenkins, can you beat these? Why not Provincetown t "Piccadilly," Wellfleet to "Westminster, "Charing Cross"? Might make Teaticket "Tango."

Why not Quahog. Cranberry, Squi-deague, Santuit, Nobscusset and no end of appropriate names? These others smell powder on a fishing HIRAM HIX

# Excitement in Hempstead.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: The Sun says, "Shall the Army Rule England?" Yes, a thousand times yes! The army and the navy, the King, the Church and the aristocracy; rather than that the arch anarchist Lloyd George should trample upon imperial England, annihilate her constitutional monarchy, and ordain a Penish Parliament in England. Popish Parliament in Dublin to strangle Ulster.

Lloyd George is obsessed with the be-lef that all men are born equal. A Lloyd George is obsessed with the be-lief that all men are born equal. A greater fallacy was never uttered. The history of the ages disproves it, while nature and human nature continue to affirm and reaffirm that caste and class minate and direct the orderlin G. R. G.

HEMPSTRAD, L. I., March 28.

Feminine Finance. Knicker-You spent more this month than

Mrs. Knicker-Certainly; you said to cut and the only way to do that is

RESERVED THEATRE TICKETS. APPLAUD FIGHT ON Views of a Friend of Agencies and the Best Orchestra Scals.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Replying to Mr. Marc Klaw about the ticket speculator bill, my point was not that the "citizen of New York should have no advantage over the fellow who comes in at the last moment," but that the man, whether he live in Sleepy Eye, Minn., or whether he live in Sleepy Eye, Minn., or right in New York, who is able and willing to pay for the best. should have an advantage over the fellow who isn't.

In other words, the fellow that isn't. In other words, the first eight or ten rows of orchestra seats should be higher in price than the remaining seats on the first floor, and this is what the hotel agency brings about. Why should the occupant of a first row orchestra seat have paid only \$2 while I sit in the effective row at the same price, because Afteenth row at the same price, because I am a "stganger, just in," of if a resident have not been inclined to stand in line all night in order to secure a seat

down front?

I venture to say that 50 per cent. of all theatre tickets sold in the hotels are purchased by residents of New York, and I think this is significant.

The theatre ticket agency is a perfectly legitimate business and the Legislature has no right to kill such a business. But if the agencies are wiped out I shall

But if the agencies are wiped out straightway write to Mr. Klaw for straightway write to Mr. has best show row orchestra seats for his best show and six weeks in advance. I'll bet J. E. V. Klaw for firs on't get 'em. ALBANY, March 28.

### Managers and Public.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. I think that Marc Klaw represents the average "razor back" theatre manager when he says in reply to "J. E. V.'s" letter in this morning's Sun that the theatre managers are afraid to mail or reserve seats for out of town people as that is the method employed by speculators to

secure good seats.

I have not heard theatre "managers howl" because they think they can sell more seats and make more money at \$2 instead of \$2.25 a seat. Marc Klaw is a better mathematician than that. It is a great convenience for out of town people who arrive at the last minute to be able to secure good seats for a slight be able to secure good seats f NORTHPORT, March 27.

ANGLO-AMERICAN SHOW.

# To Be Opened in London on Jamestown

Anniversary. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: After returning to London with grateful recol-lections of the kindness and courtesy show. ered upon me during my visit to the ered upon me during my visit to the United States on behalf of the Anglo-American Exposition and the centenary celebrations of which it forms a part, I far as to warrant the announcement that the exposition will open the second week town, and will be the first event in the series of celebrations planned to com-memorate the hundred years of peace which have brought such untold blessings on our race

on our race.

I am sure it will be of general interest to the American people to learn that in addition to the industrial section the committee has secured the first representative showing of American art ever seen in Europe, and a very comprehensive collection of great value showing the progress in all the requirements of economical municipal administration. "An increasing proper administration." An increasing proper administration. "An increasing proper administration." An increasing proper

of historical interest connected with in-cidents that have occurred since the treaty bility to disease than in the case of of Ghent, or associated with personages old, who in a measure represent the su who helped to build up the record of vival of a type more or less immune." American progress. For such historical American progress. For such manded to exhibits my committee have arranged to make no charge for space and are bear-ing the expense of transport to and from exposition. Will you therefore kindly bring this to

the notice of your readers and invite those possessing such objects of historical inhave not yet communicated with us to send full particulars at once to the general secretary at the exposition, Shepherd's Bush, London? Kinter.

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Chairman Executive Committee. LONDON, March 20

# THE DEVIL IN HERKIMER. Inquisition and Verdict of a Coroner's

Jury to 1826. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. On March 18, 1876, there was filed in the office of the Clerk of Herkimer county the chiefly on account of the fact that the

sworn and charged to inquire on the part of the peeple of the said State, when where and how, and after what manner the said John Schlaa came to his death, do while as a natural consequence of being say upon their cathe that the said John Schlaa came to his death, do say upon their caths that the said John Schlaa, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being inoved and seduced by the instigation of the devil, at the town of Ohio aforesaid, in a certain barn then and there standing and being, the said John Schlaa being then and there alone with certain rope which he then and there had and held in his hand, and one end thereof then and there put about his neck, and the cases, chiefly pneumonia. Other fact the problem. then and there put about his neck, and the other end thereof tied about a pole in said barn, himself then and there with the rope aforesald, voluntarily and feloniously and feloniously and the malice aforethought, hanged and the cases, chiency product the problem, among these mention may be made of liability to overstrain on the part of men, who often suffer from injury called from lifting heavy barrels, so the cases, chiency problem. suffocated, and so the jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, say that the said John Schlas, then and there in manner aforesaid, as a felon of himself felon-iously, voluntarily, and of his own malice aforethought, himself killed, strangled and murdered against the peace of the people of this State. witness whereof, as well the Coroner,

tion set their hands and seals, on the da and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid. If I read this document correctly it appears therefrom that the devil was present in that certain barn in the town of Ohio on the day named plying his evil trade, and having placed the idea of selfdestruction in the mind of his unhappy victim and the rope in his hand, he tired. admitted presence and instigation of the devil, the jury charges that poor John. "as a felon of himself feloniously, voluntarily, and of his own malice aforethought, himself killed, strangled and murdered against the peace of the people of this State.

as the jurors aforesaid have to this inquist

It seems to me that under the circumstances the discarded defence of "an irresistible impulse" should be pleaded.

HERKIMER, March 28. J. D. MONROE.

#### TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Some of your correspondents have recently called attention to more or less fashionable signa-

tures to which some people are addicted. One objected to a correspondent signing his name simply by the initials, thus, "J. G. Smith." He insisted that the sex of the writer should be properly designated, as "Jennie G. Smith."

When Wagner Searched for a Pauli-How would this help a man whose co

respondents included those whose given names are Athol, Augustine, Cecil. Claude. Francis, Florence, Pearl, Vivian, Winnifred and Walter? These names have, by per-sonal observation, been used by both sexes. Presumably the masculine owners have been predestined feminists.

CHARLES T. FAIRFIELD. RUTLAND, Vt., March 27.

Joe Miller in Bostos

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In good

# **OPEN ASHCAN PERIL**

Life Insurance Officials Sea Need of Ending Danger of Flying Dust.

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## Women and Their Infants Threatened With Disease by Unsanitary System.

Knowing that the dust scattered moving the city's ashes and refuse is a grave menace to health, officials of life insurance companies are applauding the movement to rid the city of this perit. They agree that the scattering of ashes in the streets in the present careless dumping of open cans into open carts is danger. ous to the health of people practically in every part of the city. In this experts

In New York, where ashes are handled five times in the course of removal from a household to their final disposal of dumping grounds, the ashmen, street cleaners and drivers of the ash wagons have fallen victims to many diseases, chief of which is tuberculosis. In Berlin Germany, and Paris, France, where there is a dustless collection of ashes and other municipal waste, the ashmen, street clean ers and drivers are healthy and free from

#### Threatens Women and Children The danger that threatens the ashmen

here also threatens women and children on the sidewalk, where the ashes are scattered. Physicians, among whom is Dr. W. G. Thompson of this city, point ou that the tissues of the nose are irritated by the ash dust and the tiny cinders that are scattered broadcast by the wind when the open ashcans are unturned to filling the ashcarts. These irritated places form resting places for disease germs carried in the dust of the streets.

Frederick L. Hoffman, statistician has prepared a bullfor the Federal bureau of labor he has gathered together striking facts concerning "mortality from consumpt and occupations with exposure to mun pal dust." In his article he points out that five years work as a street cleaner in New York makes the average individual

sciences during the century.

The exposition will also include objects of historical interest connected with its connected with

#### Danger Seen by Physicians He says that various emment ph

have pointed out the dangers of "It was ascertained, according to to lished reports, that about one-third of 5,000 street cleaners were infected turberculosis," he says. "This start the street of the says."

ment that every employee had previo service physicians and pronounced fre from organic disease.
"Contrasts were drawn between" ditions in Berlin and Greater

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so that any given street cleaning has continuously a number of mer off or on half pay on this account.

# Peril Is Ended in Berlin.

It has been established as a fact the health of the street cleaners in lin, where the department is the healt body of men of all the city's empl and virtually free from tubercules due to the absence of irritation of pulmonary tissues. Experts say that the darkers to as

threaten people who use the streets ash dust is scattered. Their a emphasizes the necessity of having ashcans and covered ashcarts.

H. de B. Parsons, a consulting who made a special study of the

posal of Municipal Refuse in the New York in 1906," says that "th should be covered." Big Bill Edwards when Street ( Commissioner realized the dange open can and started a night of the ashmen annoya persons and the method did no cleanly, for in the darkness much ashes were scattered on the stree

effort, however, indicated that wards understood the need of a John H. Gregory, consulting expert, of 170 Broadway, all need of preventing the scatte ashes. Rudolph Hering, another has discussed the danger of the method of ash collection and has

change.

From the London Chro Wagner's worst experience of during his sejourn in Parts he had to pawn all that he possessed of any value. French equivalent for a pawnshop lates in his autobiography. "as I shy to make inquiries. The only could find in my little dictionary was small thoroughfare called 'Rue bards, and thither I went, only to expedition fruitless. Often, on tinscription Mont de Picte I felt To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—SIF: In good faith I beg to report that the weather here the past few days has been such as to try men's soles, and many of them unhapply were not waterproof.

E. F. C. beginning to make the weather here the past few days has been such as to try great delight, I learned that this is great delight, I learned that this is great delight, I learned that this is great delight, I learned that the salvation, and there we now carried beginning.